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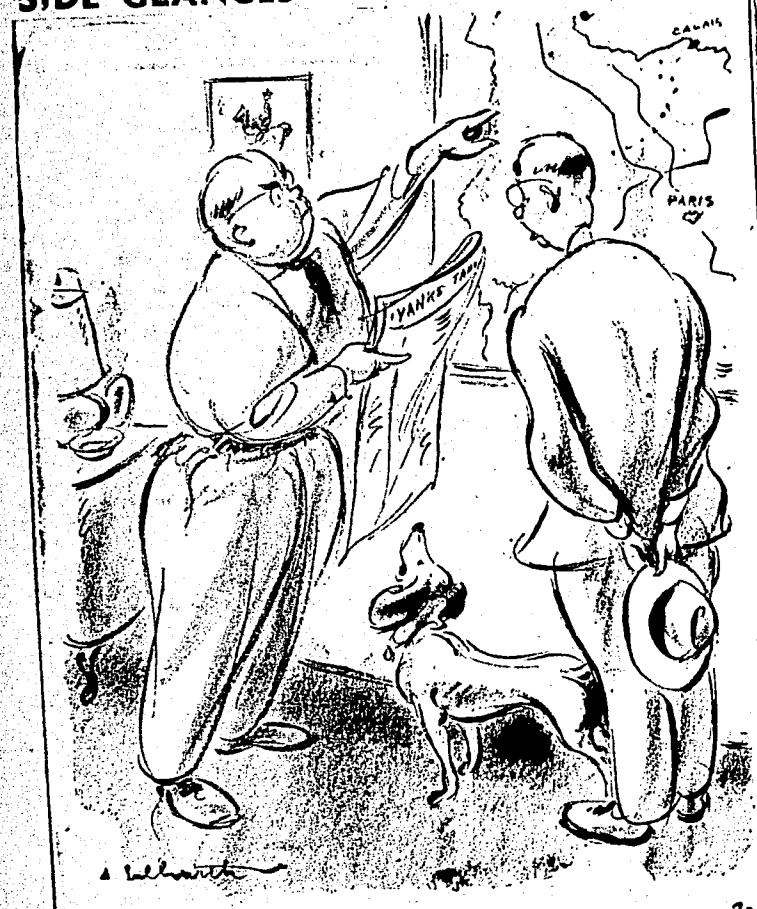
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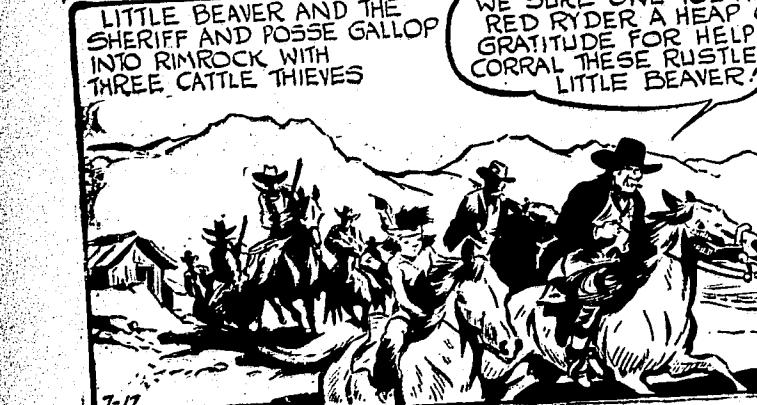
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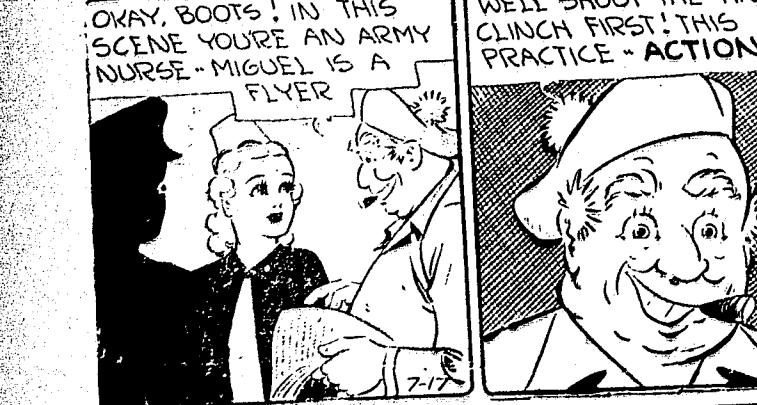


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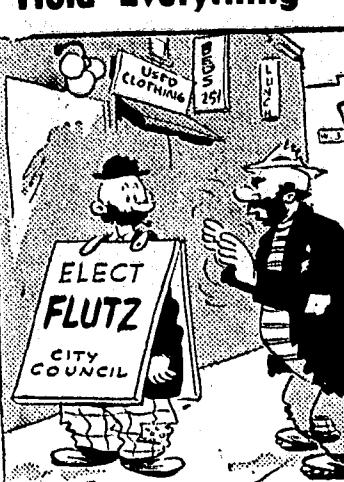


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THE CASE OF The Crooked Candle



Monday, July 17, 1944
By ERIC STANLEY GARDNER
ILLUSTRATIONS BY STEPHEN GROUT

"I have," Paul Droke said . . . he gave the facts on the firm.

PERRY MASON, the lawyer-investigator, was pacing his Los Angeles office Saturday morning when Paul Droke of the Droke Detective Agency came in. Secretary Dale Strode passed him a telegram.

"Droke, for your company you asked me to investigate," Droke whistled. Mason said, "I'm going to Millfield's apartment." He nodded to Dale Street. "Tell about it."

"I might want to buy a place," Mason said. "I've got a house in the Skinner Hills Koralak firm?"

Droke asked. Briefly, Mason gave the facts about the mysterious firm on which Mason had been working.

He then turned to Droke. "I'm the front man," he said.

Pauline, Paulette, wife of 239 West Narlian Avenue, a man named Harry Van Nuys of the Hotel Grand Central, was his principal salesman. They've been buying up land in the Skinner Hills for sheep raising. The money-man back

stepped back. "Come on in," he said. "I'm the front man and said, "May I ask why you're here?"

Mason said, "Look, I want you to give your husband a

(Continued tomorrow)

Daphne Millfield opened the door.

Mason said, "If you're connected with a murder—think fast!"

of it all is a chap named Burkank. What are you after?"

"I'm looking for a hundred thousand bucks," Mason said. "It's a good investment." "I'm worth less than the telephone's ring broke in." "Please, may I speak with the telephone?" "I don't even know him . . ."

Tragg is on his feet. "Lieutenant Tragg is on the button," she snapped. "If you're connected with a homicide, Mrs. Millfield, you'd better think fast!" he said.

"Good heavens. No, except perhaps my . . ."

She checked herself. "I'll speak with him." She was silent, then said, "I'm the front man." She stepped back. "Come on in," he said. "I'm the front man and said, "May I ask why you're here?"

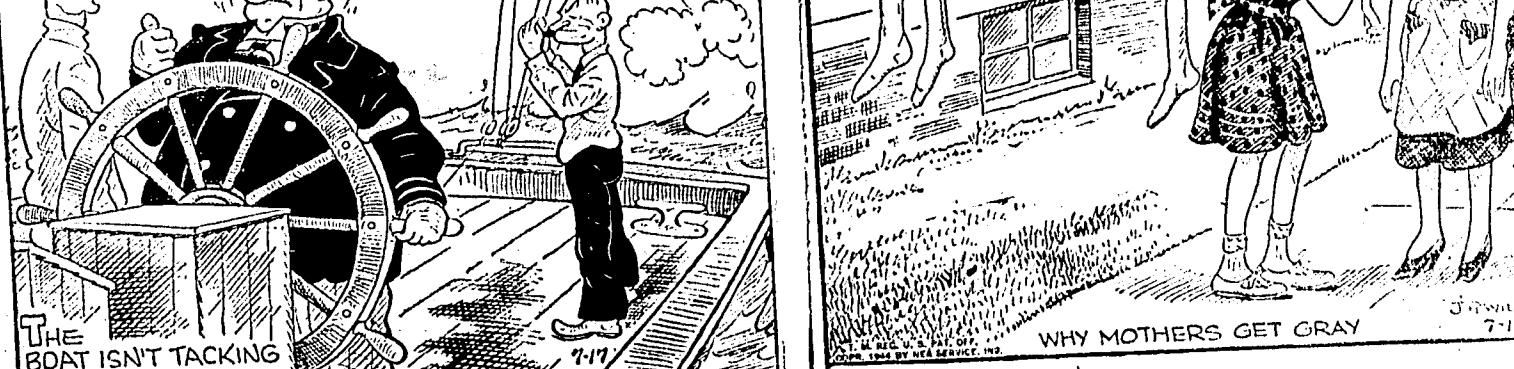
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India is two-thirds the size of the United States.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE with Major Hoople OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams



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Wheaties eaters usually clean up every last crumb of their breakfast cereal. And it's a pleasure. You get rich whole grain leavened bread.

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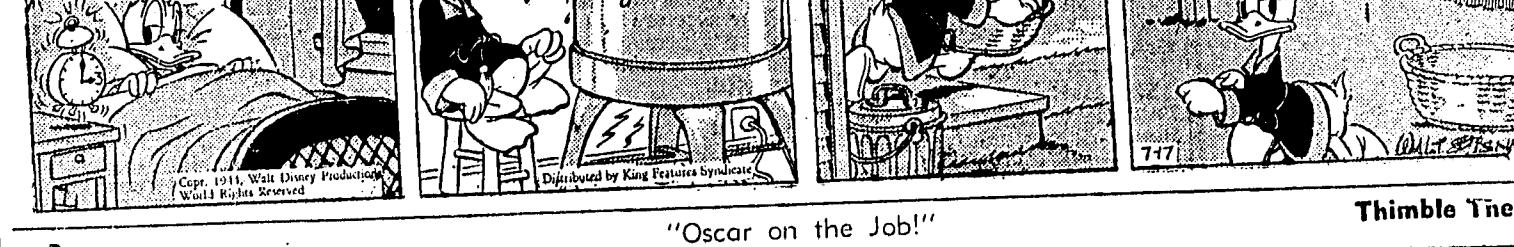
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By Leslie Turner



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The Swing Shift!

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Thimble Thimble

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Oscar on the Job!

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Freckles and His Friends

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Typically Female

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Monday, July 17, 1944

Jungle Ace Fooled Japs, Died in Crash

By WALTER LOGAN
Special Writer

With Allied Forces of Myitkyina,

July 17.—UP — The ten, blond-

bearded men swallowed a lunn-

ch in the jungle.

"There's Captain Laffin's gave."

He pointed to a fresh mound of

earth topped by a crude bamboo

airfield on the edge of Myitkyina air-

field.

Laffin was the chief intelligence

officer for Brig. Gen. Frank M.

Marshall, the first American to reach

Myitkyina.

The blond young soldier who

paved his grave had known

Laffin well.

Laffin was Pfc. Hunt Crawford of

Louisville, Ky., a member of the

team that had won the

scoring race.

Crawford had been with Laffin

during the three long months he

had been in the jungles.

"I'm one of the last minute sub-

stitutes," he said. "I was asked

to go to Myitkyina because

there were no other men available."

When the Japs raided Pearl

Habor, Laffin was operating a busi-

ness in Yokohama.

He owned a

small program of

drinking water which the thirsty Ma-

rauders later nicknamed "Laffin's

Brewery."

Men of that brewery came up

often on the long march through

the steaming jungle. Invariably, on

the way to Myitkyina, some Marauder

would loudly — "What are we fight-

ing for?"

The answer was always —

"For Willy Laffin's brewery."

Laffin had lived in Yokohama for

more than 15 years, and he was

well-established in the large Japa-

nese business.

But when war was declared, that

didn't make any difference. Shortly

after it started, he was arrested

and interned.

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"They didn't shoot down our plane, we shot them down!"

That's Too Good!

By Leslie Turner

BOMBED YOU ARE! SURE, THEY AREN'T GOING TO HIT US!

EVEN IF WE LIVED IN A WHALE OF A FOREST, CONSIDERING THE SIZE OF THE TARGETS!

AN' SURE, COLONEL!

THREE OF OUR PLANES, WHATEVER!

WE'RE GOING TO GET THEM ANY PLACE!

Just in Time

By Fred Harman

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